

REMARKS

The specification is objected by the Examiner. More specifically, the abstract of the disclosure is objected because of the inclusion of certain phraseology. A new abstract is provided herewith.

It is noted that reference is made in the specification to FIGS. 2a and 2b, and that there are no drawing figures that are so labeled. Drawing sheets of FIGS. 1, 2 and 3 are enclosed herewith and appropriately marked as sheet 1 of 3, etc. The Examiner's approval of the drawing changes is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 – 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Claims 1 – 6 are cancelled by this amendment and a new set of claims 7 – 12 is submitted herewith. The new claims 7 – 12 are believed to meet the new requirements 35 U.S.C. 112.

Claims 1 – 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by the cited Poppema reference. Applicants' new claims 7 – 12, submitted herewith, are believed to be patentably distinguishable over the Poppema reference. Applicants' new claim 7 recites a device for sealing an opening in a casing having decorative parts on the inner side of the casing. Claim 7 further recites a frame section for mounting a roller rod and comprising a securing edge mounted to the side wall of one of the decorative parts and a frame section for receiving the pulling beam and comprising a securing edge mounted to the side wall of another of the decorative parts, as generally depicted in FIG. 1.

It is submitted that such a structure as recited in the new claim 7 is not disclosed or suggested in the cited Poppema reference and that such a structure is not taught or suggested

by the cited reference.

New claims 8 – 12 are directly or indirectly dependent from the new claim 7 and are believed to be patentable for the reasons stated with respect to claim 7.

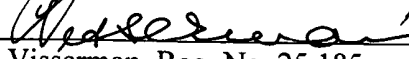
In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of new claims 7 – 12 is not anticipated under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the cited Poppema reference. The application is believed to be in condition for allowance and early notification of allowance of the newly submitted claims is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is cordially invited to contact Applicants attorney at the number indicated below, if the Examiner deems, for any reason, that a telephone conversation may be helpful in the disposition of the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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